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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

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FOR PROVENCHER FROM WILLIAMSON

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN RECOMMENDATION OF ESTABLISHMENT
THREE ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS IMMEDIATELY. BUREAU HAS
REQUESTED FUNDS MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE POSITIONS AND
FUNDING THEREFOR. FUNDS MANAGEMENT NOW EXPLORING REIM-
BURSEMENT POSSIBILITIES. IF THESE BUREAUCRATIC HURDLES
CAN BE SURMOUNTED, AND THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT
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THEY WILL BE, DEPARTMENT WILL ESTABLISH POSITIONS SOONEST

AND WILL ATTEMPT FILL POSITIONS WITH PERSONS EVACUATED FROM PHNOM PENH AND/OR VIETNAM.

2. POATS' TELEGRAM REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL OFFICE IN HIRING LOCAL SECRETARIES AND INTERPRETERS. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THEY WOULD BE HIRED UNDER LIMITED APPOINTMENT BY GOI AND/OR EMBASSY FOR SPECIFIC PROJECT (AGENCY) UNDER JOINT COMMISSION.

3. WHAT ARE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE LOCAL

HIRE OF AMERICAN DEPENDENTS TO SERVE AS SECRETARIES? IF SUCH PERSONS AVAILABLE AND USG PARTICIPATING AGENCIES INTERESTED, IT WOULD HELP ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BACKSTOPPING PROBLEMS SUCH AS HOUSING, SHIPMENT OF EFFECTS ETC. ASSOCIATED WITH STATESIDE RECRUITMENT SECRETARIES.

4. MAJOR PROBLEM AREA MIGHT BE ACCESS TO MILITARY COMMISSARY BY USG PERSONNEL OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES. AS WE SEE PROBLEM, MILITARY MIGHT TAKE POSITION THAT:

A) COMMISSARY UNABLE PHYSICALLY HANDLE ADDITIONAL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND/OR;

B) DOD SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO SUBSIDIZE OTHER AGENCY PERSONNEL THROUGH TRANSPORTATION OF COMMISSARY SUPPLIES AND OVERHEAD COSTS NOT REFLECTED IN RETAIL PRICES CHARGED COMMISSARY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. DEPARTMENT HAS NO LEGAL AUTHORITY TO REIMBURSE DOD WITH APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THEIR SUBSIDIZING OUR PERSONNEL AND OTHER CIVILIAN AGENCIES IN SAME BOAT.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO ABOVE PROBLEMS:

A) EXTEND THE HOURS OF COMMISSARY OPERATION TO PHYSICALLY HANDLE ADDITIONAL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL - PERHAPS RESERVE A BLOCK OF TIME SUCH AS TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS FOR SHOPPING BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL;

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B) PERHAPS WORK OUT SOME SORT OF REIMBURSEMENT FROM GOI FOR COMMISSARY OVERHEAD ATTRIBUTABLE TO JC PERSONNEL.

BELIEVE IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT ALL CIVILIAN USG PERSONNEL, INCLUDING DOD CIVILIANS, ARE TREATED ALIKE INsofar AS COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES ARE CONCERNED. PRESUMABLY, IF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WERE REQUIRED TO PAY

A SURCHARGE, THIS WOULD BE REFLECTED IN POST'S RETAIL PRICE SCHEDULE AND MIGHT RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN POST ALLOWANCE. FYI: IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE FOR TWO POST ALLOWANCES TO BE APPROVED FOR A SINGLE POST IF COSTS FOR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF PERSONNEL ARE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR THE EMBASSY TO TAKE OVER EITHER THE ENTIRE MILITARY COMMISSARY OPERATION OR RUN A SEPARATE COMMISSARY JUST FOR CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON THE COMMISSARY SITUATION ARE REQUESTED. WE WILL MAKE NO DEMARCHES ON DOD PENDING RECEIPT OF SAME.

5. WILL THE THREE SCHOOLS DESCRIBED IN POST REPORT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE AN INFLUX OF APPROXIMATELY 100 STUDENTS BY END OF FIRST HALF OF NEXT SCHOOL YEAR AND POSSIBLE TOTAL OF 200 BY END OF SCHOOL YEAR? WHAT IS STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BEING UNDERTAKEN AT TEHRAN AMERICAN SCHOOL?

6. WILL THE MILITARY HOSPITAL BE ABLE SUPPORT JC PERSONNEL AND IF NOT WOULD ADEQUATE MEDICAL FACILITIES BE AVAILABLE "ON THE ECONOMY?"

7. WILL APO BE ABLE AND/OR WILLING TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO JC PERSONNEL?

8. FULLY CONCUR WITH YOUR POSITION THAT A STANDARD AND UNIFORM SET OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL TECHNICAL COOPERATION EMPLOYEES BE ESTABLISHED AND THAT THESE SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE THAT APPLY TO OTHER US MISSION PERSONNEL. KISSINGER

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